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Applicant : Augustine M. K. Choi *et al.* Art Unit :
 Serial No. : Examiner :
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 Title : CARBON MONOXIDE AS A BIOMARKER AND THERAPEUTIC AGENT

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 1, immediately after the heading "Related Applications," please replace the paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~This application is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/538,788, filed on March 30, 2000, which claims priority from provisional application number 60/127,616, filed April 1, 1999. --~~

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1 to 6 and 30 to 41 without prejudice.

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